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## **Reedy River Gets Swept By ReWa Employees**

### **16th Annual Reedy River Sweep**

Greenville, S.C. (October 5, 2011) – Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) recently held its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Reedy River Sweep, an event for ReWa employees to demonstrate their dedication to the local environment.

ReWa employees volunteered their time to remove trash, tires, and other harmful debris from the Reedy River and its' banks. The annual event is one that ReWa employees hold of great importance, since their jobs focus on protecting Upstate waterways on a daily basis. The Reedy River Sweep is another opportunity to help protect the Upstate's water quality.

At this year's event, 42 employees participated, along with 5 volunteers from Greenville County Recreation District. The River Sweep team collected over 1 ton of trash and debris from the Reedy River's section at ReWa's Mauldin Facility. Collection of tires was at a record low of 30, when the River Sweep usually yields 100 tires on average each year, further proving the effective steps community members have taken to protect local water resources. The 1.5-mile riverfront at the intersection of I-85 and Mauldin Road runs through the ReWa property and serves as the receiving stream for the plant's effluent.

[Click here to view photos from the 2011 Reedy River Sweep.](#)

The event was scheduled in conjunction with the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual state-wide South Carolina Beach Sweep/River Sweep week, which is organized by the SC Sea Grant Consortium, the SC Department of Natural Resources, and the SCANA Corporation. Last year, more than 6,000 South Carolina volunteers removed over 45 tons of aquatic debris from South Carolina's waterways. This annual clean up clears our waterways of unsightly debris, educates the public about the impact that aquatic debris has on our economy and our environment, and serves as a research tool for the Center for Marine Conservation in Washington, D.C.

**Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)**

ReWa's goal is to promote a cleaner environment, and to protect the public health and water quality of the Upstate waterways, while providing and developing the necessary sewer infrastructure for the growing economy. ReWa serves more than 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg, Pickens and Laurens Counties.

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